

Senate, and the Speaker be authorized to sign any enrolled bills and joint resolutions duly passed by the two Houses and found truly enrolled. Page 36201

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of December 19. Page 36202

Presidential Messages: Received and read the following messages from the President:

ACTION: Transmitting the fiscal year 1978 annual report of the ACTION Agency—referred to the Committee on Education and Labor and the Committee on Foreign Affairs; and

Cahaba River: Transmitting the study of the feasibility of adding the Cahaba River in Alabama to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system—referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. Page 36202

Adjournment: Adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Committee on the Budget: Task Force on Inflation held a hearing to study whether the Consumer Price Index overstates the inflation rate because of the method by which housing costs are calculated. Testimony was heard from Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Janet L. Norwood and specialist, Inflation Impact Unit, Congressional Budget Office, Lawrence DeMilner.

Joint Committee Meetings

E.D.A. AUTHORIZATIONS

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 914, authorizing funds for each of the next four fiscal years, through fiscal year 1983, for public works and economic development programs of the Economic Development Administration, but did not complete action thereon and recessed subject to call.

NATIONAL ENERGY SUPPLY

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 1308, to provide for the development of domestic energy supplies, but did not complete action thereon and will meet again on Monday, December 17.

ENERGY PRODUCTION

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 932, authorizing funds to establish the production of synthetic fuels, gasohol, solar energy, renewable resources, and geothermal energy, and to establish an energy conservation program and energy supply targets, but did not com-

plete action thereon and will meet again on Monday, December 17.

Saturday, December 15, 1979

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2137–2140; and S. Res. 315.

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Bill Reported: Report was made as follows:

H.R. 2297, to continue until June 30, 1982, the existing suspension of duties on synthetic rutile, with amendments (S. Rept. No. 96–504). Pages 36329–36330

Measure Passed:

Hostages release and worship: By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas, Senate agreed to S. Res. 315, calling upon the followers of Islam throughout the world to prevail upon their brethren to immediately release the Americans being held hostage in Iran; and, until such time as they are set free, to allow them to worship in accordance with their religious faiths, and to allow clergy of their faiths to minister to them. Pages 36266–36267

Windfall Profits: Senate continues consideration of H.R. 3919, to impose a windfall profit tax on domestic crude oil, taking action on amendments proposed thereto as follows:

Adopted:

(1) Nelson amendment No. 812, providing incentives for the development and construction of solid waste disposal facilities for the production of usable energy. Page 36273

(2) Dole unprinted amendment No. 879, to retain the current exemption from tax for gasohol, and to provide a nonrefundable credit for certain alcohol (to Magnuson amendment No. 837). Page 36278

(3) Magnuson amendment No. 837, DIVISION II of unprinted amendment No. 843, relating to alcohol fuels (modified) (as amended by Dole unprinted amendment No. 879). Page 36276

(4) Packwood amendment No. 820, to modify the provisions for tax-exempt bonds for hydroelectric power generating projects. Page 36289

(5) Modified Bumpers amendment No. 1039, to require certain importers of petroleum and petroleum products to file reports with the Department of Energy. Page 36293

(6) Modified Moynihan amendment No. 723, techni-

cal amendment to clarify that pumped storage hydroelectric facilities are included among hydroelectric facilities qualifying for tax-exempt industrial development bonds.

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(7) Wallop amendment No. 786, to limit application of the tier I tax to oil benefiting from decontrol of prices.

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(8) Wallop amendment No. 787, to make a technical correction to the special rule for transfers of proven oil or gas properties under the net income limitation.

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(9) Wallop amendment No. 788, to conform the method of adjusting tier I and tier II base prices under the windfall profits tax to the method of adjusting lower and upper tier ceiling prices under Department of Energy regulations.

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(10) Durenberger amendment No. 751, concerning treatment of State and local obligations funding certain hydroelectric power generating and cogeneration projects.

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(11) Jackson unprinted amendment No. 880, to strike the provisions which override the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (to Baucus amendment No. 767).

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(12) Glenn unprinted amendment No. 881, to determine the credit for production of unconventional gas based upon a reference price related to gas prices rather than oil prices (to Baucus amendment No. 767).

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(13) Long unprinted amendment No. 883, technical amendments.

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(14) Baucus amendment No. 767, to permit gas produced from tight sand formations to be treated as a qualified fuel for purposes of the credit for production of fuels from nonconventional sources (as amended by Jackson and Glenn).

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Rejected:

(1) Danforth amendment No. 816, to eliminate the exemption for State or local governments. (Motion to table agreed to by 65 yeas to 28 nays.)

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(2) By 42 yeas to 49 nays, modified Percy amendment No. 798, to provide a twenty percent energy investment credit for certain coal-fueled boilers and related equipment. (By 45 yeas to 47 nays a motion to table this amendment was rejected.)

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By 70 yeas to 2 nays Senate agreed to a motion to instruct the Sergeant-at-Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

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Adjournment: Senate briefly adjourned, thus changing the legislative day.

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Statements on Introduced Bills:

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Amendments Submitted for Printing:

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Motion Submitted for Printing:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today (Total—488).

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Quorum Call: One quorum call was taken today (Total—18).

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Recess: Senate met at 9 a.m., and recessed at 7:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held at noon on Monday, December 17.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Monday, December 17, 1979

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 36418-36592

Bills Introduced: five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2141-2145; S. Res. 316.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Con. Res. 59, calling for an international conference on Cambodia to deal with the political and humanitarian crisis (S. Rept. No. 96-505).

S. Res. 316, commending the government of Thailand for its humanitarian assistance to the Indo-Chinese refugees and victims of war (S. Rept. No. 96-506).

S. 523, to revise the pay provisions of certain medical personnel in the Armed Forces, with amendments (S. Rept. No. 96-507).

Special Report Pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (S. Rept. No. 96-508).

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Measure Passed:

Windfall profits: By 74 yeas to 24 nays, Senate passed H.R. 3919, to impose a windfall profit tax on